IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: FLAT-ROUND JOINT IN A "CT" OR "SERPENTINE" FIN CORE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As noted in the Transmittal Letter, this application is a Divisional Application of Application Serial No. 10/231,716 filed August 30, 2002. Prior to the examination of this Divisional Application, please amend the application as follows: